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SUBJECT: EUR EVENTS JANUARY 28

COMM CTR PLEASE DELIVER ONE COPY TO ASST. SEC. HARTMAN
MORNING OF 1/29

1. AP CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW: THE SOVIETS HAVE ASKED
AP TO WITHDRAW VOLUNTARILY A MOSCOW STAFFER WHO THEY SAY
WAS INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS. HE
STOUTLY DENIES IT AND AP BACKS HIM UP. SINCE HE WAS ONE
OF THE THREE NAMED AS SPIES IN THE SOVIET PRESS A WHILE
BACK WE BELIEVE IT IS HARASSMENT (THE OTHER TWO HAVE HAD
THEIR SHARE). WE HAVE CONVEYED THE MESSAGE THAT THEY WILL
HAVE TO KICK HIM OUT IF THEY WANT HIM TO GO AND HINTED AT
RETALIATION IN A MANNER WHICH KEEPS OUR OPTIONS OPEN. LAST
INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY ARE BACKING OFF.

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2. KARPOV: THIS CASE IS STILL SIMMERING WITH NO INDI-
CATION THAT THE SOVIETS WILL WITHDRAW HIM.

3. STATEMENT ON SAKHAROV: WE NEED TO DISCUSS IMMEDIATELY
ON YOUR RETURN.

4. PORTUGAL: THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE PLANS
TO COMPLETE ITS ACTION ON THE FY 1977 SUPPLEMENTAL BY

FEBRUARY 28 AND HAS CALLED HEARINGS ON THE PORTUGUESE LOAN
PACKAGE FOR FEBRUARY 9. SOLOMON IS RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO
TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT AUTHORIZATION BILL TO OMB AND THE HILL
BECAUSE HE FEELS THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
HAVE NOT GONE FAR ENOUGH. HOWEVER, APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE
ACTION GIVES US NO CHOICE BUT TO MOVE QUICKLY. SYVRUD
SUGGESTS THAT YOU OR COOPER HELP US TO PERSUADE SOLOMON.

5. JULES KATZ AND JAKE WARREN SIGNED TODAY THE TRANSIT
PIPELINE TREATY.

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